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"La Porte runs Calumet City and Chicago Heights for the syndicate, and recently branched out into Will County, where the boss man, Francis Curry, is in semi-retirement.

"La Porte formerly operated the Owl Club, Calumet City gambling joint, with Tony Accardo, the syndicate chieftain.

"Subpenas have already been served on Joey 'Little Caesar' Di Varco, and on Jimmy 'Monk' Allegretti, North Side vice bosses. They are to appear in Washington with Aiuppa."

By letter dated January 17, 1962, the Washington Field Office advised that on January 10, 1962 the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Government Operations, U.S. Senate, relating to gambling and organized crime (Committee) was contacted and it was determined a subpoena to appear before the Committee had been directed to AIUPPA to appear on January 9, 1962. However, no hearings are presently being conducted and it is believed that AIUPPA is scheduled to appear sometime in February, 1962.

#### VI. TRAVEL

b2, b7D On January 26, 1962, [REDACTED] advised that JOSEPH AIUPPA left Chicago for Miami, Florida via Delta Airlines Flight 801 on January 26, 1962.

#### VII. MISCELLANEOUS

b7C On January 11, 1962, [REDACTED] Professional Staff (Investigator), Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Government Operations, U.S. Senate (Mc Clellan Committee) advised on January 11, 1962 that allegation received from anonymous source that American Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA) in Chicago is associated with "syndicate" through JOSEPH AIUPPA and JAMES ALLEGRETTI. According to [REDACTED] it is believed money is being passed to the "syndicate" by [REDACTED] for members of AGVA and who is also connected with the United Manufacturing Company, Chicago, manufacturer of pinball machines.

b7c On January 15, 1962, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] in Chicago that he received information that AIUPPA is also the owner of the Turf Lounge, Frolics and Magic Lounge all located in Cicero, Illinois. He alleged that [redacted] booking agency, books a lot of girls in AIUPPA's club.

By letter dated January 17, 1962, Washington Field Office advised that on January 10, 1962 the files of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Government Operations, U.S. Senate, relating to gambling and organized crime were reviewed and they contained the following background information concerning JOSEPH AIUPPA:

According to a memorandum by a Committee investigator dated August 3, 1961, JOSEPH AIUPPA was stated to be the former operator of Taylor and Company, a large dice maker in Cicero, Illinois. He was not an active manager but was in the nature of a silent partner. He and his other four partners were all sentenced to a year in jail for interstate shipment of slot machines in 1956. He and his partners served from June, 1957, to May, 1958, in jail and the business foundered badly. The company was a large manufacturer of dice and supplied many of the Nevada casinos.

b7c Concerning the hearings before the Committee, it was stated it was expected he would take the Fifth Amendment as he had done previously before the Senate Select Committee in Cleveland on August 18, 1958, when he was cited for contempt of Congress. The business was sold in 1960, for \$40,000 to [redacted] Hunt and Company, which company carries the same general line of marked cards and loaded dice and has grown considerably since its purchase of Taylor and Company.

According to another memorandum in the Committee's files by a Committee investigator in July of 1958, based upon information from the Bureau of Prisons, AIUPPA was born January 1, 1907, in Illinois. He had a seventh grade education, leaving school to become a gardener and a laborer in 1918. He was a laborer from 1918 to 1922 and in 1925 became a truck driver for the Midwest Cartage Company, Chicago,

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which he owned as of 1938 and which was located at 4831 Cermak Street, Chicago, Illinois. In 1930, AIUPPA became a partner in Taylor and Company of Chicago and in 1932, he married ANGELIA DELORES ZITO. On June 14, 1935, he was picked up by the Police Department at Berwyn, Illinois, being charged with assault to kill and no disposition was made of his case. On June 7, 1935, he was picked up on general principles by the Oak Park Police Department. On March 29, 1951, he was arrested by the U.S. Marshal at Chicago, Illinois, for refusal to answer questions of the U.S. Senate Subcommittee.

On January 27, 1956, AIUPPA, with JOHN EDWARD MOORE, also known as CLAUDE MACDOX, ROBERT ANSONS and RAY JOHNSON, was convicted and sentenced to one year and a day and \$1,000 fine for failure and refusal to register as a dealer in gambling devices. On August 1, 1957, his parole was declined. His medical record reflected that in 1934, he had gonorrhea, an appendectomy in 1936 and cancer in 1942. His FBI Number is 951184 and his Prison Number is 15404-TH. AIUPPA from 1939 to 1942, was a member of the Hotel and Restaurant International, Local 450.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois  
January 31, 1962

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 92-677

Title JOSEPH JOHN AIUPPA

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of Special Agent  
[redacted] dated [redacted] b7C  
and captioned as above  
at Chicago.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

Evaluation of Informants

[redacted] is an individual [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] is an individual [redacted]  
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[redacted] is an individual [redacted]  
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[redacted] familiar with the criminal element in the Chicago area.  
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TITLE OF CASE <b>JOSEPH JOHN AIUPPA, aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY SA <b>[REDACTED] b7c</b>	TYPED BY <b>KMD</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 1/31/62 at Chicago. **b7c**

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two (2) copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth a characterization of informants utilized in this report.

LEADCHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to conduct and report investigation concerning the background activities and associates of AIUPPA.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED] b7c Office: CHICAGO  
Date: March 29, 1962

Field Office File No.: 92-677 Bureau File No.: 92-3846

Title: JOSEPH JOHN AIUPPA, aka

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

## Synopsis:

AIUPPA continues to reside at 4 Yorkshire Woods, Elmhurst, Illinois. Information received that AIUPPA also maintains residence at 1 S 248 Meadow Wood Drive, Woodside Estates, under name O'BRIEN. Two Cicero, Illinois, establishments, The Frolics and the Magic Lounge, in which AIUPPA allegedly has financial interest, raided 2/24/62 by States Attorney's Office. AIUPPA to appear before Senate Rackets Committee on 4/3/62. SUBJECT REPORTEDLY A TRIGGER MAN FOR CHICAGO HOODLUMS AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

Residence

Investigation during February and March, 1962, revealed that JOSEPH AIUPPA continues to maintain residence at 4 Yorkshire Woods, Elmhurst, Illinois.

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b7D On February 20, 1962, Lieutenant [REDACTED] Chicago Police Department, advised SA [REDACTED] that AIUPPA continues to reside at 4 Yorkshire Woods, Elmhurst, Illinois. Lieutenant [REDACTED] also advised that they have received information that indicates AIUPPA is also maintaining the residence at 1 S 248 Meadow Wood Drive, Woodside Estates, under the name of TOM O'BRIEN. He said AIUPPA also has a farm located on Barrington Road just north of Barrington Road on the west side of the road. This farm is in the name of DIMATTEO or DIMATTER. Lieutenant [REDACTED] said AIUPPA purchased his home at 4 Yorkshire Woods, Elmhurst, Illinois, on September 1, 1960, from the Barton Investment Company, 33 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois. The law firm of Bruno and Orvino located at 10 North Broadway, Melrose Park, Illinois, is the firm that handled the transaction for AIUPPA.

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b7C Lieutenant [REDACTED] advised the law firm of Bruno and Orvino is run by [REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED] Illinois, and [REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED] Illinois.

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b7C Lieutenant [REDACTED] Supra, advised that the subject's [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] Illinois.



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Associates

ROBERT J. ANSANI

Investigation reflects AIUPPA continues to be associated with ROBERT J. ANSANI in the operations of the Rosmar Realty Company in Cicero, Illinois.

[REDACTED]  
Lieutenant [REDACTED] Supra, advised [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] an attorney who resides at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Illinois, is an associate of JOSEPH AIUPPA  
and handles many legal matters for him. [REDACTED] maintains  
offices at [REDACTED] Illinois.

ANTHONY ORTENZI

Investigation during the period indicates AIUPPA continues to be associated with ANTHONY ORTENZI in the operations of the Turf Club in Cicero, Illinois.

[REDACTED]  
Lieutenant [REDACTED] Supra, advised one [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] is reported to be [REDACTED]

LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

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Lieutenant [REDACTED] Supra, advised JOSEPH AIUPPA is listed as the president of the Rosmar Realty Company 4827 West Cermak Road, Cicero, Illinois. The secretary and registered agent of this company is ROBERT J. ANSANI, 15 West 676-37th Place, Hinsdale, Illinois. According to Lieutenant [REDACTED] this establishment handled real estate transactions for the syndicate in the western suburban area of Chicago.

Country Club Realty

Lieutenant [REDACTED] Supra, advised Country Club Realty located at 10 North Broadway, Melrose Park, Illinois, is owned by JOSEPH AIUPPA and [REDACTED] He said the law firm of Bruno and Orvino is retained to handle legal matters for this firm. b7C

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Country Investment Company

According to Lieutenant [REDACTED] Supra, the Country Investment Company, 10 North Broadway, Melrose Park, Illinois, is another firm owned by [REDACTED]. He said the law firm of Bruno and Orvino also handles legal matters for this firm. b7c, b7D b7C

Turf Club

b2, b7D [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] are individuals who were formerly employed by JOSEPH AIUPPA at the Turf Club in Cicero, Illinois. He also advised [REDACTED] formerly worked for AIUPPA and at one time [REDACTED] the Turf Club. [REDACTED] advised these men worked as dealers or doormen; however, to his knowledge they are no longer employed by AIUPPA. [REDACTED] is not aware of the present location of these individuals. b7C

b2 b7D Lieutenant [REDACTED] Supra, advised [REDACTED] Chicago Police Department, has received information that ANTHONY J. ORTENZI, aka Bucky, is a high school mathematician and is the personal bookkeeper for AIUPPA at the Turf Club, 4833 Cermak Road. He said ORTENZI is single and resides at 1733 North 23rd Avenue, Melrose Park, Illinois, with his mother. He further advised that ORTENZI reportedly has stock with the International Mineral Corporation and the Bethlehem Steel Corporation. b7c, b7D

ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

On February 15, 1962, [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, advised SA [REDACTED] a pre-sentence investigation concerning one JAMES VERZAL during December, 1961, and January, 1962. He advised VERZAL was arrested by the Internal Revenue Service during 1961 because he had no federal gambling stamp and was "making book" for a restaurant. He said that during the investigation VERZAL advised that approximately 18 months prior to his arrest he was contacted by an individual whom he identified only as JOE who talked him into making book and relaying the bet he obtained to various telephone numbers. VERZAL said that thereafter an unidentified person would stop by and pick up all bets and VERZAL would receive 5 per cent of all b7C

bets taken in. [REDACTED] said VERZAL admitted he took in approximately \$102,000 over the 18-month period.

b7c [REDACTED] advised VERZAL appeared before Judge CAMPBELL, at which time CAMPBELL told VERZAL he was postponing his sentencing date for ten days and advised VERZAL if he did not reveal the identity of JOE he would be sent to jail. [REDACTED] advised efforts were then made by the Internal Revenue Service and himself to obtain the identity of JOE from VERZAL with negative results.

On January 10, 1962, VERZAL was sentenced to three years probation before Judge CAMPBELL even though he had failed to furnish the identity of JOE. [REDACTED] advised that he is of the opinion that JOE is possibly identical with JOSEPH AIUPPA.

On February 24, 1962, the "Chicago Daily Tribune" contained the following article:

"State's Attorney Raids 2 Cicero Clubs; 19 Arrested"

"Two syndicate-owned night clubs in Cicero were hit in simultaneous raids early today by state's attorney police. They are The Frolics, 4813 Cermak rd., and Rose's Original Magic lounge, across the street at 4820 Cermak rd.

"Arrested in the Frolics were the manager, Sam Rizzo, 49, who gave the club as his home address, and seven girls. Arrested in the Magic lounge were the manager, Joe DeRosa, 26, of 1220 N. Pine st., and 10 stripteasers.

"Customers are Released"

"Approximately 70 customers in each club at the time of the raid were released after police took their names and addresses. Also released were six male employees in the Magic lounge and three male employees in the Frolics.

"Both clubs, in which syndicate hoodlum Joey Aiuppa has financial interests, were targets of similar raids last July 10. Those raids marked the first time the syndicate joints, which had been running openly for years, had been hit.

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"Twenty-two police were in last night's raiding parties. Several state's attorney's police also were planted inside before the raid.

"Seize Four Outside

"At the Frolics, two of the male employees and two of the strippers tried to escape thru a side door but were nabbed by police outside. Spencer said the two men had discarded their grey working jackets. Blackjacks were found in the jackets.

"Spencer said that as his men entered the two clubs, the strippers were ordered to the stages while the managers and other male employees were herded behind the bars. The customers were lined up and ordered to identify themselves and their places of residence, after which they were released.

"The managers and strippers then were taken to state's attorney's headquarters at 26th street and California avenue where they were fingerprinted and photographed.

"DeRosa and Rizzo will be booked with being keepers of disorderly houses and the girls with public indecency, Spencer said."

b7c On March 6, 1962, [REDACTED] State's Attorney's Office, Chicago, Illinois, advised his office had raided two Cicero lounges on February 24, 1962, after receiving a tip from [REDACTED] the Cicero Ministers Council that strip joints and gambling were in operation again in Cicero, Illinois. [REDACTED] said that at the Frolics, 4813 Cermak Road, Cicero, Illinois, they arrested the manager SAM RIZZO and seven girls and across the street at the Magic Lounge, 4820 Cermak Road, they arrested the manager JOE DE ROSA and ten stripteasers.

He said he will seek Grand Jury indictments against RIZZO and DE ROSA as keepers of a disorderly house.

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[REDACTED] further advised that both of the above places were previously raided on July 11, 1961; however, everyone arrested in the July raid, except RIZZO and four girls, were found not guilty when tried before a Cicero magistrate. He said RIZZO has been able to obtain several continuances for himself and the four girls to be tried with him.

On February 25, 1962, the "Chicago Sunday Tribune" contained the following article:

**"Cicero Ministers' Leader Tells 'Disgust' Over Vice**

"The president of the Cicero Ministers council expressed disgust yesterday at town officials for failing to take action in riding Cicero of wholesale vice and corruption.

"The Rev. Joseph C. Holbrook, after learning of raids by state's attorney's police early yesterday on two syndicate owned night spots in the town, said:

'When will our town officials wake up and take action against these cesspools of filth? How many raids by the state's attorney's office will it take to bring them to their senses?'

**"Tells of 'Shame'**

"The decent people of Cicero are ashamed of these places, and we are deeply appreciative of what the state's attorney's police, led by Chief Investigator Roswell T. Spencer, are doing.'

"The vice joints that were hit in simultaneous raids early yesterday were The Frolics, 4813 Cermak rd., and Rose's Original Magic lounge, across the street at 4820 Cermak rd.

"Nineteen persons were seized by police some of whom were planted inside the places before the raids. All except two of those arrested were women.

**"Hoodlums Are Involved**

"Syndicate hoodlum Joey Aiuppa has financial interests in both clubs, which also were raided last July. The raids in July marked the first time the joints had been raided. They had been running openly for many years.

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"Sam Rizzo, 49, was arrested as manager of the Frolics. He gave the club as his home address. Joe DeRosa, 26, of 1220 N. Pine av., was arrested as manager of the Magic lounge. Rizzo and DeRosa were booked as keepers of disorderly houses and told they must appear March 8 in Bedford Park police court.

"The girls were arrested on charges of lewd conduct. They also were told they must appear in court on March 8.

#### "A Further Criticism

"The Cicero Ministers council also has criticized the suburb's liquor control commission for failing to revoke a license held by a crime syndicate horse betting casino at 5941 Roosevelt rd., Cicero. That hearing has been continued to March 23.

"The Rev. Mr. Holbrook said that the casino was raided by state's attorney's police May 23, 1961, and that convictions were obtained, but that in the meantime, 'the place is apparently operating as usual.'

"The owner of the casino, Myles O'Donnell, 35, a crime syndicate gambling boss, is free on a \$12,500 bond on a warrant charging him with the gang murder Jan. 5 of a state's attorney's gambling informant, Gus Vivirito."

On February 27, 1962, the "Chicago Daily Tribune" contained the following article:

#### "Jury To Quiz 3 Officials of Cicero on Vice

##### "Call Town's President and Two Top Cops

"The president of Cicero and two top police officials have been asked to appear tomorrow before the county grand jury in the wake of two vice raids Saturday in the west suburb.

"State's Atty. Daniel P. Ward said that if the officials balk at his 'invitation' to testify, they will be subpoenaed. The officials are Jerry F. Justine, president; Police Chief Erwin Konovsky; and Police Capt. Joseph Barloga, in charge of policing all taverns.

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"At the same time, Ward disclosed that his office will file charges with the Illinois Liquor Control commission in an effort to obtain revocation of the state liquor licenses of the two vice resorts raided by his men under Roswell T. Spencer, chief investigator.

"Also Raided in July

"The places--the Frolics, 4813 Cermak rd., and Rose's Original Magic lounge, 4820 Cermak rd.--were raided once before by state's attorney's men on last July 11.

"Indictments charging four women with being inmates of a disorderly house are still pending in Criminal court as an aftermath of these raids.

"In Saturday's raids, 10 so-called 'exotic' dancers were arrested in the Magic lounge and seven in the Frolics. They were charged with public indecency.

"In addition, Sam Rizzo, 49, manager of the Frolics, and Joe DeRosa, 26, manager of the Magic lounge, were charged with being keepers of disorderly houses. Joseph Aiuppa, a crime syndicate boss, is reported to have financial interests in both spots.

"Patrons Tell of Beating

"Complaints about the Magic lounge are not new, investigators said. Last Nov. 21, three men complained to THE TRIBUNE that they had been beaten, kicked, and robbed of \$50 there after refusing to buy high priced drinks for hostesses.

"They reported the alleged assault to Cicero police, who asked the complainants to take a sobriety test. The men refused and no action was taken.

"Ward refused comment on whether the grand jury would be asked to indict the officials for misconduct because of widespread vice and gambling activity in Cicero."

Miscellaneous

b2, b7D [REDACTED] advised that during the afternoon of February 7, 1962, Chicago hoodlum SAM GIANCANA conferred with an unknown



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individual concerning possible establishments in which pinball machines could possibly be placed in Melrose Park, Illinois. GIANCANA suggested a couple of AIUPPA's places on Broadway and the unknown individual said one of these places is closed and the other is about to be closed.

#### PROCESS OUTSTANDING

The "Chicago Daily News" on March 9, 1962, contained an article by reporter TONY WEITZEL which read in part as follows:

"Senate rackets probers aim to expose a sordid slice of syndicate salami April 3. That's the date on the subpoena they finally slapped on Joey Aiuppa, the Outfit's Cicero vice boss. They've got a dozen B-girls ready (they hope) to tell how the hoods forced 'em to 'hustle' customers in local sin spots. Could get very messy."

#### HANGOUTS AND PLACES FREQUENTED

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██████████ advised on February 16, 1962, that JOEY AIUPPA had recently been seen in the Blue Moom, a known hoodlum hangout in Melrose Park, Illinois, which is owned by FRANK "Skippy" CERONE, a relative of Chicago top hoodlum, JACK CERONE. With AIUPPA at the time was an individual believed to be AIUPPA's close associate and business partner, ROBERT ANSANI.



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Chicago, Illinois  
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JOSEPH JOHN AIUPPA

Character

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Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] b7c  
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at Chicago.

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caution statement was inadvertently omitted from the synopsis.  
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Title: JOSEPH JOHN AIUPPA, aka

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

## Synopsis:

b7c AIUPPA continues to maintain a residence at 4 Yorkshire Woods, Elmhurst, Illinois. Telephone at AIUPPA's residence listed to one [REDACTED] b3  
re ROBERT J. ANSANI, associate of AIUPPA, Country Club Realty Company, and Country Investment Corporation set out. Senate investigator advised AIUPPA now expected to appear before Senate Committee Hearings to begin in Washington, D. C. on 6/5/62. SUBJECT REPORTEDLY A TRIGGERMAN FOR CHICAGO HOODLUMS AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

Residence

Investigation during the period revealed that AIUPPA continues to maintain his residence at 4 Yorkshire Woods, Elmhurst, Illinois.

Telephone Information

b2, b7D [REDACTED] advised that AIUPPA does not have a telephone in his own name at his residence, 4 Yorkshire Woods, Elmhurst, Illinois. He said the telephone at that address is in the name of one [REDACTED] and the following calls have been made from this telephone:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number Called</u>
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Associates

ROBERT J. ANSANI

ILL b2 [REDACTED] made available the following information  
[REDACTED] ROBERT J. [REDACTED]  
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ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

b7C On May 16, 1962, [REDACTED] States Attorney's Office, Chicago, Illinois, advised that on May 3, 1962, Judge SIGMUND J. STEFANOWICZ had dismissed charges of operating a house of ill fame against SAM RIZZO, Manager of the Frolics Lounge, 4813

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b7c Cermak Road, Cicero, Illinois, reportedly owned by Chicago hoodlum JOEY AIUPPA. [REDACTED] also advised that on the following day Judge STEFANOWICZ acquitted four strip teasers who had been arrested with RIZZO on July 11, 1961, and charged with performing lewd acts through gestures and nude dancing. He said that the judge based his acquittal on insufficient evidence although five States Attorney's policemen had testified they witnessed the women dancing without clothing and making obscene gestures.

He further advised that RIZZO and five women, who were arrested with him at the Frolics on February 24, 1962, are scheduled to appear in Criminal Court on similar charges on May 31, 1962.

On May 4, 1962, the "Chicago Daily Tribune" contained the following article:

Judge SIGMUND J. STEFANOWICZ freed a Cicero strip palace manager of charges of operating a house of ill fame yesterday, but refused to dismiss charges against four women accused of performing lewd acts in the place.

JOHN STAMOS, head of the state's attorney's criminal division immediately demanded an explanation of the ruling.

Judge STEFANOWICZ replied that he did not have to explain but added that the state had not proved its case against the manager.

The directed verdict was issued by the Criminal Court judge after the state completed its evidence against SAM RIZZO, 49, manager of the Frolics, 4813 Cermak Road, Cicero. RIZZO was charged with keeping and maintaining a house of ill fame and a place for the practice of lewdness. The four women were accused of performing lewd acts through gestures and nude dancing.

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STAMOS angrily stormed out of the courtroom.

RIZZO and the women were arrested by prosecutor's investigators July 11, 1961. Last February 23 they again arrested RIZZO and five women on similar charges which are to be heard in Criminal court May 31.

At the trial of RIZZO and the four women, five States Attorney's policemen testified they had witnessed the women dancing without clothing and making obscene gestures. They said RIZZO had identified himself to them as the manager.

Judge STEFANOWICZ told reporters in his chambers that there was no evidence to show that the Frolics was a house of ill fame or that prostitution was performed there.

He denied a motion for a directed verdict freeing the four women, however, contending the state had provided enough evidence to justify the trial.

STEFANOWICZ told reporters that the legislature had defined the word "lewdness" in connection only with prostitution or acts of perversion. Therefore, he said, since prostitution had not been proved to exist in the Frolics, RIZZO was innocent. The charge of performing lewd acts, lodged against the women was a different charge, according to STEFANOWICZ.

The women on trial are VIRGINIA CLOE, 32; WILMER ZIEGLER, 27; JEAN FITZGERALD, 26; and DEBRA LANE, 31.

Judge STEFANOWICZ was criticized by the Cicero Ministerial council for his decision to free RIZZO.

"We are appalled by the decision that let the keeper of the house go free," said the Rev. JOSEPH C. HOLBROOK, President of the group.

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Judge STEFANOWICZ replied:

"It is my opinion that the Rev. HOLBROOK should resign as leader of the ministerial council. He has made statements critical of the judiciary but has shown no positive action.

"I followed the law in this case. I don't know how he could ask me to do otherwise. I am in sympathy with the people of Cicero, trying to have decent and good government, but I think they need a leader, one who does more than just make statements. What is needed is not words but action."

On May 5, 1962, the "Chicago American" contained the following article:

VIRGIL W. PETERSON, Director of the Chicago Crime Commission, called freeing of four Cicero strippers yesterday by Criminal Court Judge SIGMUND J. STEFANOWICZ "a miscarriage of justice."

"We think the state made a good case. What about the testimony of the States Attorney's investigators who testified that the women performed lewd dances? We think the investigators' testimony substantiated the state's case. There are too many of these cases involving vile conduct being thrown out on flimsy grounds," he said.

The Cicero Ministerial Council issued a sharply worded statement, which read in part:

"(His) decision has dealt the forces of decency in our town a heavy blow. How can he disregard the testimony of sworn police officers who witnessed the filth and rot that went on? We were in the courtroom and heard the testimony. It was indescribably filthy. We wonder what you have to do to be lewd by the judge's definition."



State's Attorney DANIEL P. WARD, commenting on his setback, made his first criticism of the judiciary after 18 months in office:

"It's a very sad day for decency in this county and today the syndicate won the battle, but they are fighting a losing war. We'll keep after them."

State's Attorney's police last July 11 raided the Frolics, a crime syndicate strip joint at 4813 Cermak Road, Cicero. They arrested the four women, charging they performed lewd acts and danced naked. The Frolics is owned by syndicate kingpin JOSEPH AIUPPA, the gambling overlord in Cicero and some surrounding communities.

WARD specifically singled out AIUPPA, who was a pall bearer at AL CAPONE's funeral, as the owner of the Frolics, in noting that the syndicate had achieved a victory.

The strippers, in their defense, asserted the raiders simply missed spotting the gimmicks that were worn during the dance.

Judge STEFANOWICZ said PETERSON has the right to disagree with the court's decision and added:

"I believe that Mr. STAMOS (Assistant States Attorney JOHN STAMOS, who prosecuted the case) and the States Attorney are covering up their complete failure to present a proper case by not calling one disinterested witness out of the 150 witnesses who were present and might have substantiated the state's evidence.

"If at least one of the disinterested witnesses had testified in collaboration of the policemen's evidence, I would have found the defendants guilty.

"Who are Mr. WARD and Mr. STAMOS kidding? If this is a victory for the syndicate, then Mr. WARD and his assistant through their presentation of the case helped make it a victory.

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"I am sorry to see Mr. PETERSON disagree with the court because of my high respect for him. But where there is conflicting evidence and the state does not call witnesses to bolster their case, the court must follow the law when it has reasonable doubt and discharge the defendants."

On May 7, 1962, the "Chicago Daily Tribune" contained an article which related that States Attorney DANIEL P. WARD had vowed to continue his fight against crime syndicate strip joints. This article read in part as follows:

States Attorney DANIEL P. WARD pledged yesterday that he would pursue "with very great determination" his fight against crime syndicate strip joints despite a ruling on one such place Friday by Judge SIGMUND J. STEFANOWICZ in Criminal Court.

"We won't change our approach because that would be conceding that there was some merit to his ruling," WARD said.

Meanwhile, Attorney WARREN SWANSON, former special vote fraud prosecutor and a leader in the Citizens of Greater Chicago, examined the STEFANOWICZ ruling and branded it "strange indeed."

STEFANOWICZ ruled that four dancers, who allegedly performed lewd acts while dancing naked on the stage of the Frolics Cafe at 4813 Cermak Road, Cicero, were not guilty of performing lewd acts.

Three policemen, a former agent of the FBI and a former federal narcotics agent testified about the performances at a bench trial before STEFANOWICZ. The dancers denied they behaved lewdly. No defense witnesses were brought in to back them up.